

**Assembly Bill No. 1625**

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Passed the Assembly August 31, 2005

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate August 29, 2005

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Section 7550.7 to the Government Code, relating to state reports.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1625, Klehs. State government: reports: declarations.

Existing law generally sets out the requirements for the submission of written reports by public agencies to the Legislature, the Governor, and state legislative and executive entities.

This bill would additionally require any of these written reports required to be submitted by any state agency, board, or commission to include a signed statement by the head of the agency or chair of the board or commission, with specified exceptions, or specified officers of certain boards or commissions, declaring, subject to a misdemeanor penalty, that the contents of the report are true, accurate, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 7550.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:

7550.7. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every written report, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 7550.5, required to be submitted to the Legislature by any state agency, board, or commission, shall include a signed statement by the head of that agency, or chair of the board or commission, as described in subdivision (b), declaring that the contents of the report are true, accurate, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge.

(2) In the case of a board or commission whose chair is subject to paragraph (1), as described in subdivision (b), if the board or commission has an executive officer or executive director, the signed statement described in paragraph (1) shall be made by the executive officer or executive director.

(3) With respect to the Franchise Tax Board, the signed statement described in paragraph (1) shall be made by the executive officer of that board, and with respect to the Board of Equalization, the statement shall be made by the executive director of that board.

(b) Paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall only apply to those individuals appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. It shall not be construed to apply to any elected official of the state, or any official whose duties are prescribed by the California Constitution.

(c) Any person who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that he or she knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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*Governor*